

HONORABLE JUDGE

MY LETTER TO YOU IS ON BEHALF OF PINCHAS DAVID CARLBACH WHOSE FATE IS IN YOUR HANDS. OVER 40 YEARS AGO I STUDIED IN YESHIVA RABBI CHAIM BERLIN, AND HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF HAVING RABBI SALOMO CARLBACH, THE FATHER OF PINCHAS, TO BE MY RABBI AND ROLE MODEL. MY FATHER HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF STUDYING TOGETHER WITH RABBI SALOMO WHEN THEY WERE STUDENTS AT YESHIVA RABBI CHAIM BERLIN, AND I AND MANY OTHERS GAINED A LOT FROM HIM FOR HE COMES FROM A GENERATION OF GREAT RABBIS AND I WILL NEVER FORGET HOW HE WAS GIVEN OVER COMPLETELY TO HIS STUDENTS. PINCHAS DAVID WAS IN MY CLASS IN HIGH SCHOOL HOWEVER WE TOOK DIFFERENT TURNS IN LIFE AND SINCE HIGH SCHOOL I ONLY SAW HIM ONCE, ~~UNTIL~~ TILL HE WAS INCARCERATED.

I AS A RABBI IN MESIVTA TIFERETH JERUSALEM, HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT HOSPITALS AND PRISONS AND I WAS TOLD THAT PINCHAS DAVID WAS AN INMATE AT RIKERS ISLAND. I DIDNT HESITATE AND I RECEIVED CLERGY PRIVILEGE TO MEET WITH HIM PRIVATELY, ~~AND~~ EVEN THOUGH I ONLY CAN GET CLERGY PRIVILEGE ONCE A MONTH, AFTER

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THE FIRST VISIT I DECIDED THAT I MUST SEE HIM ONCE A WEEK BECAUSE I FELT THAT WE BOTH HAD A LOT TO GAIN FROM SEEING EACH OTHER, ~~BECAUSE~~ THAT FRIDAY WAS THE ONLY DAY I HAD ^{TIME} TO SEE HIM, A REGULAR VISIT ^{WITH THE PRISON BOSES} TOOK APPROX. 5 HOURS, AND ON THE SHORT FRIDAYS I WOULD COME HOME RIGHT BEFORE THE SHABBATH, I THEREFORE DECIDED TO GET TO THE PRISON VERY EARLY WHEN IT WAS STILL DARK OUTSIDE, AND SAY MY DAILY MORNING PRAYERS IN THE COLD PARKING LOT OF Rikers Island. THE REASON I DID ALL THIS IS BECAUSE I JUST COULDN'T SEPARATE MYSELF FROM PINCHAS DAVID. WE SPENT A LOT OF TIME DISCUSSING STUDIES ^{THAT} WE BOTH LEARNED, AND I GAINED A GREAT AMOUNT OF KNOWLEDGE FROM THIS, BRINGING BACK THE MEMORIES OF PINCHAS DAVID BEING ONE OF THE BEST AND GREATEST STUDENTS YESHIVA RABBI CHAIM BERLIN EVER HAD. WE ALSO SPENT A GREAT AMOUNT OF TIME SINGING MELODYS FROM HIS GREAT COUSIN RABBI SHLOMO CARLBACH WHO COMPOSED HUNDREDS OF SONGS THAT PENETRATE THE SOUL. I WAS JUST COULDN'T BELIEVE THAT AN INMATE AT Rikers HAD THE STRENGTH

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TO ALWAYS THINK POSITIVE AND TO STAY STRONG EVEN THOUGH THERE WERE MANY FACTORS THAT COULD BRING HIM DOWN.

I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF SPENDING THE PURIM HOLIDAY WITH HIM AT RIKERS AT NIGHT AND AGAIN IN THE DAYTIME. PINCHAS DAVID READ THE MEGILAH WHICH IS THE STORY OF THE PURIM HOLIDAY, AND I WILL NEVER FORGET THE TEARS THAT CAME FROM HIM WHEN HE READ THE VERSE (CHAPTER 8, VERSE 6) - 'FOR HOW CAN I BEAR TO WITNESS THE DISASTER WHICH WILL BEFALL MY PEOPLE! HOW CAN I BEAR TO WITNESS THE DESTRUCTION OF MY RELATIVES,,

I ALSO HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING WITH HIM AT RIKERS ON THE CHANUKA HOLIDAY. PINCHAS DAVID WAS CHOSEN TO MAKE THE BLESSING THAT IS MADE WHEN LIGHTING THE CANDLES - THE WORDS THAT CAME OUT OF HIS HEART PENETRATED ALL THE HEARTS THAT WERE PRESENT THERE. I TRULY FELT THAT IS WAS PROPER FOR HIM TO LIGHT THE CANDLES WHICH LIGHT UP THE DARKNESS, BECAUSE THAT WAS HIS MISSION IN RIKERS ISLAND, TO LIGHT UP THE DARKNESS THAT THE PRISONERS HAD EXPERIENCED. PINCHAS DAVID WAS WELL LIKED BY ALL THE DIFFERENT TYPES

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OF JEWS THAT WERE THERE WITH HIM, HE WAS ALSO WELL LIKED BY MUSLIMS AND PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT RELIGIONS, BECAUSE HE ALWAYS HAD AN OPEN EAR FOR THEM AND HE ALWAYS CONSOLED THEM AND LIFTED ~~UP~~ THEM UP WITH HIS GREATS WORDS OF WISDOM THAT THEY SAW COME FROM THE BOTTOM OF HIS HEART AND BECAUSE OF THIS IT WAS A MUSLIM INMATE THAT PREPARED A TABLE AND CHAIR FOR PINCHAS DAVID TO PRAY EARLY IN THE MORNING EACH DAY.

PINCHAS DAVID WAS THE LEADER OF THE JEWISH SERVICES EVERY SABATH AT LIKERS, HE TAUGHT THE PEOPLE THE MEANING OF PRAYER AND INTRODUCED THEM TO MANY JOYFUL MELODIES FROM HIS COUSIN RABBI SALOMO CARLBACH. WHEN PINCHAS DAVID WAS RELEASED HIS MAIN CONCERN WAS FOR THE SERVICES TO CONTINUE AND THAT ALL THE JEWISH INMATES CONGREGATE TOGETHER ON THE SABATH. HE ALSO GOT A DONOR TO DONATE SPECIAL PRAYER BOOKS THAT WILL BE HELPFUL FOR EVERY INMATE ON HIS LEVEL TO BE ABLE TO ^{CONNECT} ~~CONNECT~~ TO HIS CREATOR THRU PRAYER. THIS IS WHAT PINCHAS DAVID IS ALL ABOUT YOUR HONOR THE REASON I'M TELLING YOU ALL THIS IS BECAUSE I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I AM

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ASKING FOR LENIENCY FOR A PERSON WHO REALLY
 DESERVES IT. PINCHAS DAVID IS TRULY REMORSEFUL
 FOR ~~THE~~ HIS ACTIONS THAT CAUSED HIS INCARCIMENT.
 HE SUFFERED TREMENDOUSLY WHEN HE WAS DENIED
 BAIL AND HAD TO SPEND 6 MONTHS UNDER
 INTENSE HARD CONDITIONS AT Rikers, I TRULY
 BELIEVE THAT HE PAID THE PRICE BY THIS SUFFERING.
 I AM REQUESTING FROM YOUR HONOR TO SPARE
 PINCHAS DAVID FROM PRISON AND HAVE HIM INSTEAD
 COUNSEL PRISONERS THAT NEED COUNSELING BOTH
 IN AND OUT OF PRISON FOR THEY HAVE A LOT TO GAIN FROM HIM.
 I THANK YOUR HONOR FOR ~~YOUR~~ TAKING OUT TIME
 TO LISTEN TO MY REQUEST AND HOPE AND PRAY
 THAT THE WORDS THAT ARE COMING OUT OF MY
 HEART GO DIRECTLY INTO YOUR HEART.
 I WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY A HAPPY
 NEW YEAR AND MAY YOU ALL BE ENSCRIBED
 IN THE BOOK OF LIFE ~~TOGETHER~~ TOGETHER
 WITH ~~WISDOM~~ JOY AND HAPPINESS

YOURS TRULY
 RABBI BRUCE STEIN